MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI: Under the Remission Rules, if there is an absolute failure of crop—we call it കെടുതലാണ് and കൊയ്ത്തലാണ് there are specific reliefs. It might be a bumper crop or a satisfactory crop or an unsatisfactory crop. It is reported that the condition of the present seasons harvest was satisfactory in the taluks of Shencotta, Karthigapally, Pathanapuram, Mavelikara, Kottarakara and Ambalapuzha, and not quite satisfactory in the taluks of Tiruvalla, Shertalla, Quilon and Karunagapally. "Not quite satisfactory" does not bring the case within the purview of the remission rules.

Tarfif rate of commodities.

277. ✱ MR. M. K. CHANDRASEKHARA BHATTATHIRI (*The Travancore Jenmies—South*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the details of the procedure adopted in the determination of nirak rates in the State of commodities like paddy etc.;

(*b*) the time of the year when the rate is fixed;

(*c*) if it is determined more than once the times at which the rates are determined;

(*d*) the officers charged with the responsibility of enquiring the existing nirak;

(*e*) whether the Government have received any complaint that the above officers are not reporting the actual existing rate correctly, and as a result the nirak rate the Government fix does not represent the actual rate;

(*f*) whether the Government have made any investigation on such complaints; and

(*g*) if so, what is the result of such investigation and the steps taken by Government to remedy the defects if any?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI: (*a*) The Tahsildar of each taluk deputes one of his clerks to the bazaar periodically for ascertaining the market prices of commodities.

(*b*) and (*c*) The rates are determined once every fortnight.

(*d*) Tahsildars.

(*e*) No.

(*f*) and (*g*) Do not arise in view of the answer to part (*e*) above.

Sea erosion in Quilon.

278. ✱ MR. K. A. MAHOMED (*Quilon cum Kottarakara*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware that nearly 75 acres of land and 25 houses have been washed away by sea erosion in Quilon pakuthi, Quilon taluk?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI: No.

MR. K. A. MAHOMED: May I know whether the Government have received any representation from the inhabitants of the place?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI: About the Karunagapally sea erosion, yes, Sir.

MR. K. A. MAHOMED: May I know whether any relief has been given to the people who suffered?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI: Relief measures are being adopted. The Executive Engineer perigranated the entire area to a distance of about four miles from the Neendakara bridge *i. e.*, up to Thirumulla.

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[Mr. G. Narayanan Tampi.]

varam and has suggested ways and means for adequate relief. Government have also called for a report from the Public Works Department.

MR VARKALA K. MADHAVAN (*Neyyattinkara* cum *Trivandrum*): May I know whether the erosion is continuing?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN (*Chief Engineer*): It has already been sent. I am supplementing the answer made by Mr. G. Narayanan Tampi.

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI: My answer was that a report has been called for. The Chief Engineer has now stated that the necessary relief measures have been adopted

Survey of Kanippattu Lands.

279. *MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara* cum *Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) when the temporary staff for the survey of Kanippattu lands was first appointed in Neyyattinkara taluk;

(*b*) how many acres of Kanippattu lands are there in the taluk; and

(*c*) whether the Government have any scheme for registry of these lands to private individuals?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI: (*a*) The temporary staff was appointed on 1-3-1119.

(*b*) 10,595 acres and 88 cents.

(*c*) No.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know what portion of the work has been finished up to date?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI: Exact figures are not available.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know when the work of the temporary staff will be finished?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI: We expect it to be completed in about six months' time. But every efforts is being made to urge the subordinates concerned to carry out the work as expeditiously as possible because it is a very important matter.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): May I know whether they are dry lands or wet lands?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI: Mostly dry lands. But some places can be converted into wet lands with enormous labour.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: May I know whether they are given on Kuthakapattom?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI: Lands are given only on Kuthakapattom.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: May I know whether any portion has been given on Kuthakapattom?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI: Some persons were already in enjoyment of Kuthakapattom lease. They are allowed to continue. But no new portion has been given on Kuthakapattom.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: May I know for how many years they are given at present, annually or for special periods?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI: Normally, it is given annually, from year to year. Occasionally there might be a three year lease, and in very exceptional cases about five or seven years, but not more than that.

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